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SUBJECT: IAEA STAFFING -- JAMES NAVRATIL

REFERENCE: VIENNA 5739 (PARA 2)

1. U.S.NATIONAL REFERRED TO PARA 2 REFTEL IS JAMES NAVRATIL, WHO WAS NOMINATED FOR P-4 POST DESCRIBED VN. 8/78 TO SUCCEED PATRICK O'HARE (U.S.).

2. MISOFF LEARNED BY CHANCE THAT DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND LABORATORIES, ALEXANDER SHALNOV (USSR) HAD RECOMMENDED A SOVIET CANDIDATE TO REPLACE O'HARE RATHER THAN THE U.S. CANDIDATE, NAVRATIL. THIS WAS RATHER SURPRISING TO US, SINCE NAVRATIL WAS WELL KNOWN AND HAD BEEN SINGLED OUT AND SOUGHT FOR THE POST BY THE HEAD OF THE INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS AND CHEMISTRY SECTION IN THAT DIVISION, EUGENE FOWLER (U.S.). DDG KAKIHANA (JAPAN) HAD NOT YET ACTED ON SHALNOV'S RECOMMENDATION.
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3. MISOFF ALERTED DDG HALL TO THE PROBLEM, NOTING THAT WE WOULD BE EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED IF, AFTER HAVING CLEARED THE WAY FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF FROLOV (USSR) TO SUCCEED SHALNOV (USSR) AS HEAD OF THAT DIVISION, ANOTHER SOVIET NATIONAL WERE TO BE APPOINTED TO THE O'HARE POST INSTEAD OF THE U.S. CANDIDATE. USING SOME

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OF THE SAME ARGUMENTS USED BY THE SOVIETS IN THE
FROLOV-FOWLER CASE, WE NOTED THAT THE POST IN QUESTION
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HAD BEEN FILLED BY U.S. NATIONALS SINCE IT WAS
ESTABLISHED IN 1974 AND THAT WE HAD BEEN SPECIFICALLY
ASKED TO NOMINATE NAVRATIL FOR THE POST. MOREOVER, WE
HAD RECEIVED NO RPT NO OBJECTIONS FROM THE SOVIETS OR
ANYONE ELSE TO THE NOMINATION OF NAVRATIL. DDG HALL
UNDERTOOK TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER.

4. IN VIEW OF CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVED, AMBASSADOR KIRK
TOOK OPPORTUNITY DURING SOCIAL OCCASION TO DISCUSS THE
SITUATION WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR EROFEEV, USING SAME
ARGUMENTS MENTIONED ABOVE, RECALLING FROLOV-FOWLER CASE,
AND ASKED WHETHER HE COULD HELP RESOLVE MATTER.
EROFEEV SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED AMBASSADOR KIRK THAT
SOVIET CANDIDATE WOULD BE WITHDRAWN, BUT EXPRESSED HOPE
THAT WE WOULD HAVE NO RPT NO OBJECTION TO THE SOVIET
CANDIDATE INVOLVED FILLING ANOTHER SUITABLE POST WHEN
ONE OPENED UP. AMBASSADOR KIRK WAS GRATEFUL FOR
EROFEEV'S COOPERATION, BUT NON-COMMITTAL ON LATTER
POINT.

5. DDG HALL WAS SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED OF EROFEEV'S
RESPONSE AND HE (HALL) ADVISED THAT NO RPT NO FURTHER
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ACTIONS BE TAKEN FOR 2-3 DAYS, IN ORDER TO ALLOW
AMBASSADOR EROFEEV TIME TO "HANDLE" THE SITUATION ON
HIS SIDE. WE AGREED.

6. MISSION HAS NOW LEARNED THAT NAVRATIL HAS INDEED
BEEN RECOMMENDED BY DDG KAKIHANA FOR THE POST,
PRESUMABLY WITH SHALNOV'S BLESSING. WE EXPECT
APPOINTMENT WILL BE APPROVED BY DIR GEN IN DUE COURSE.

7. FOREGOING IS FOR INFO ONLY. LEAHY

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